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1. [] advised that the Director stated he would make the Senate Foreign Relations briefing on 23 January if necessary but inquired if it could possibly be put over until the next week. Upon reviewing the Director's calendar only Monday, 26 January, was available. A request was made to Carl Marcy to change from the 23rd to the 26th. Mr. Marcy indicated he thought it could be done but he would have to confirm it.

2. General Cabell stated he had seen Representative George Mahon (D., Texas) over the weekend and requested that I attempt to arrange a luncheon date for further debriefing of Mr. Mahon. After checking calendars, Mr. Mahon's office was contacted and arrangements were made for a luncheon here on the 16th of January. A proposed guest list is being forwarded to the DCI and DDCL.

3. Sam Crosby telephoned to inquire if the briefing of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations could be moved forward to Monday, 19 January. Upon checking this with the DCI, Mr. Crosby was advised that this date was satisfactory. The time was set for 10 o'clock. Mr. Crosby again mentioned that he had heard the Agency had done some analysis of trends of defense spending in the Soviet budget. Mr. Crosby further stated he would telephone the Director to indicate further the content to be covered in the briefing.

4. Mr. Larocque telephoned stating they had been asked by State Department to assist in preparation of a reply to a request from Senator Humphrey's subcommittee asking for information on the exchange program under the Lacy-Zarubin agreement. It was suggested that we should do anything possible to assist and that if there were some classified aspects they could be handled either with Senator Humphrey directly or through Julius Cahn.

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5. Talked with [] concerning the letter from Representative Daniel J. Flood (Penn.) to the DCI dated 9 January 1959 regarding Edward Fine. The letter was referred to [] for preparation of a proposed reply.

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25X1 16. [] met with Mr. Fred Mesmer, staff member of the Senate Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee, on the subject of waiver of the one year residence requirement in citizenship cases. Mesmer indicated that there might be relief in individual cases by means of private bills so long as the individual had at some time been admitted to the U. S. for permanent residence. He recalled that this was done in the last Congress for an employee [] 25X1 He undertook to check on this and intends to forward to us a copy of the bill and the Committee report.

17. Telephoned Carl Marcy to inquire if it were possible to change the Director's appearance before Senate Foreign Relations from January 23 to January 26. I stressed that the Director would make it on the 23rd if necessary and would simply forgo his planned trip. Mr. Marcy indicated he thought it could be worked out and he will advise us further.

25X1 18. [] and Cord Meyer raised a problem concerning investigation by Porter Hardy's International Operations Subcommittee of House Government Operations Committee into VOA. Apparently 25X1 VOA has been requested to furnish copies of dispatches and other documents dealing with criticism of VOA. From within the Department [] has received queries as to whether or not CIA might support a claim of executive privilege since it appears that some of these documents compare VOA [] After explaining the Subcommittee setup, I indicated that unless further facts were forthcoming I believed that there was no basis for the Agency to support any claim of executive privilege.

25X1 19. Mr. [] also raised the question of whether or not there was a subcommittee being established under Senator Smathers to investigate certain cold war activities. I had no knowledge of this but offered to check into the matter.

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